# A Simple Algorithm to Calculate S(n)

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## Introduction

This short paper first outlines an "obvious" algorithm for calculating S(n) (the smallest integer m such that m! is divisible by n). Doubtless, there exist more subtle and efficient algorithms. I hope some readers will devise these and enlighten me concerning them through this journal.

This is followed by a small scale investigation of the efficiency of the algorithm.

Then there is a short discussion of a simple way of reducing the space required for storage of all S(n) for ranges of n. The storage space required for S(n) for all n which my routines can handle is considered.

Heavily commented listings of an implementation of the algorithm in "C", sample output and timing data are included to help illustrate the algorithm.

#### The Algorithm

The algorithm is described in detail at the start of the header file "S(n).H". Together with "S(n).C", this forms all the code necessary to implement the algorithm. Note that, for the S(n) function to work correctly, the function make\_primes() must first be called from the main program.

The code for printing S(n) and timing the routines has been omitted. These activities are both implementation specific and easily done. They are therefore left as an exercise for the interested reader.

The algorithm hinges on finding the prime factors of n. Improvements on how this is done will most benefit its efficiency.

To be practical, the given implementation of the algorithm only works for  $0< n<2^{32}$ . However, the algorithm is generally applicable to any non-null integer.

Tables of S(n), constructed using the routines of S(n).C", for the largest 2000 permitted n are included. My paging routines are rather elaborate. Using them (without printing!), it took 2.4 hours to discover that 3,745,708 pages, as tightly packed as those shown, would be required to print S(n) for all  $0 < n < 2^{32}$ .

## Efficiency of the Algorithm

In a letter to R. Muller (about computing the Smarandache Function, July 19, 1993), Ian Parberry (editor of <SIGACT News>,

For the smallest 4800 numbers, see Ibstedt's table (pp. 43-50) of this current journal.

Denton, Texas) expressed that one can immediately find an algorithm that computes S(n) in  $O(n\log n/\log\log n)$  time ('A Brief History of the "Smarandache Function"' by Dr. Constantin Dumitrescu, Department of Mathematics, University of Craiova, Romania). Disappointingly, a little analysis of the accompanying timing data on my TI85 advanced scientific calculator reveals that my algorithm is somewhat worse than this.

Trying to fit the version 2 timing data to various O(f(n)), I obtained the following results (x=3355443200 and 10(O(x+99)-O(x-100)) is calculated for comparison with the last entry of the version 1 timing data):

O(f(n))	Correlation Coefficient	0(2 <sup>32</sup> -1) (years)	10(O(x+99)-O(x-100) (milliseconds)		
O(n)	0.9928879	0.6092	8909		
O(nlogn/loglogn)	0.9944006	0.7906	11827		
O(n√n)	0.9997756	24.2	469178		

O(n/n) fits the version 2 timing data best, although the time it predicts for the last entry of the version 1 timing data is almost 3 times too large. Hence, I assume the time complexity of my algorithm is a little better than O(n/n).

As a rough upper limit on the time my program (on my 20MHz 368DX PC) would take to calculate S(n) for all  $0 < n < 2^{32}$ , let us assume that every value of n requires as much time as each n in the range of the last entry of the version 1 timing data (= 159111/199/10 = 79.9553 ms). In this "worst case", it would take 10.882 years.  $O(n \lor n)$  time complexity predicts more than twice this value, which is a measure of how pessimistic it is.

I would welcome a more rigorous analysis of the time complexity of my algorithm as I presently lack the necessary expertise.

# Simple Compression of Stored S(n)

Without compression, each S(n) would be stored as a 32-bit (= 4 bytes) value. Hence  $2^{34}$  bytes (= 16 Gigabytes) would be required to store S(n) for all  $0 < n < 2^{32}$ .

This requirement can be reduced considerably if we use the high bit of each each byte of each value to indicate if it is the last byte of the value. If the bit is set it means that further byte(s) are required and if it is reset it means that the byte is the last byte of the current value. This means that only 7 bits of each byte are used to form the numerical part of the value. Assuming that, as with Intel format, the values are stored low-'byte' (actually 7 bits) first, here are some examples:

- i) 127 requires seven bits and so just one byte (with high bit reset to indicate no further bytes).
- ii) 16,000 requires 14 bits. So it is stored as two bytes. The

first is 0 (16,000 mod 128) + 128 (to set the high bit indicating there is more to come). The second is 125 (16,000 div 128) (with high bit reset to indicate no further bytes). This reads simply as 0 (with more to follow) + 128\*125 (no more to follow).

iii) A number stored as the three bytes 57+128, 93+128 and 125+0
would similarly represent:
57 + 93\*128 + 125\*128\*128 = 2,059,961.

The largest numbers that can be represented by a given number of bytes is thus as follows:

- 1 byte can code up to  $2^7-1 = 127$ .
- 2 bytes can code up to  $2^{14}-1 = 16,383$ .
- 3 bytes can code up to  $2^{21}-1 = 2,097,151$ .
- 4 bytes can code up to  $2^{28}-1 = 268,435,455$ .
- 5 bytes can code up to  $2^{35}-1 = 34,359,738,355$  (or 8 times the largest unsigned long).

For small values of n, the savings are considerable (400%). However, even large n often have small S(n).

Using this technique to compress all S(n) calculated for some ranges of n (each range was also stored), I obtained the following results:

range of n	compression	time taken (seconds)	size	size after pkzip
1 -10,000	without with	4.5	40,008 15,749	19,836 15,267
2,147,478,648	without	827.3	40,008	33,729
-2,147,488,647	with	842.4	33,541	30,836
4,294,957,296	without	1,066.2	40,008	34,320
-4,294,967,295	with	1,085.1	34,330	31,634

The results indicate that this compression is a little better than pkzip's (a commercial file compression utility). Application of pkzip to a pre-compressed file also gives a slight improvement.

Assuming that the savings shown for the middle range of 10,000 n are the average of all ranges of 10,000 n, using my compression together with that of pkzip would permit storage of S(n) for all  $0 < n < 2^{3/2}$  in about  $3.0836 \times 2^{3/2} = 12.3344$  Gigabytes. So look out for sets of 19 CD-ROMs with all your favourite numbers on them!

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/* (c).1993.11.13.John.C.McCarthy
   "S(n).h"
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Example Implementation of A Simple Algorithm to Calculate S(n), The Smarandache Function:

Because there are more people familiar with C than with C++, this module has been written entirely in C (apart from "//" style comments). module was compiled using Borland C++ version 3.1.

For efficiency, n is constrained to the limits of an unsigned long. Hence,  $0 \le n \le 2^32 - 1 = 4,294,967,295$ . ("^" represents exponentiation). Although catering for n of vast magnitude is possible, it imposes heavy storage and processing overheads. The range of an unsigned long therefore seems a reasonable compromise.

The algorithm depends on the most elementary properties of S(n):

- 1) Calculate the STANDARD FORM (SF) of n: In SF:  $n = +/-(p1^a1)*(p2^a2)*...*(pr^ar)$  where p1, p2,...pr denote the distinct prime factors of n and al, a2,...ar are their respective multiplicities.
- 2)  $S(n) = max[S(p1^a1),...,S(pr^ar)].$
- 3) S(p^a), where p is prime, is given by:

  - 3.1)  $a \le p \implies S(p^a) = p^a$ . 3.2)  $a > p \implies S(p^a) = x \le p^a$ . In this case, fortunately rare, x is the smallest integer such that p appears as a factor in the list of all integers > 1 and <= x at least a times. Let the no. of times p appears as a factor in the list of all integers > 1 and  $\langle = y \text{ be } f(y, p) \rangle$ . Then:  $f(y, p) = \Sigma[int(y/(p^i))]$  for i>0 while  $y>=(p^i)$ . Hence, x is the smallest integer such that f(x, p) >= a. Note that between succesive integer multiples of p there are no

integers which have p as a factor. The trick here is to look for the largest multiple of p (call it c), such that  $f(p*c, p) \le a$ (so that x = p\*c, if f(p\*c, p) = a, else x = p\*(c+1)): 3.2.1) c = a-2 (largest possibilty for c since f(p\*(a-1), p) > a

- when a>p (Note: f(p\*(a-1), p)=a is not sought for slight performance gain)).
- 3.2.2) z = f(p\*c, p).
- 3.2.3) While(z > a):

3.2.3.1) d = no. of times p appears as a factor of p\*c = (no. of times p appears as a factor of c) + 1.3.2.3.2) c = c-1 (next largest possibility for c). 3.2.3.3) z = z-d (= f(p\*c, p)).

- 3.2.4) If (z < a), x = p\*(c+1).
- 3.2.5) Else  $x = p \times c$ .

To calculate the prime factors of all 32-bit n requires use only of primes < (2 $^{\circ}$ 16) (i.e. all primes expressible as an unsigned short integer). This is because any factor of n remaining after division of n by all its prime factors  $\langle (2^{1}6) \rangle$  is simply a prime. Since there are only 6542 16-bit primes, the program first creates a list of these (which only takes about 4 seconds on my 20 MHz 386DX PC) so that they never have to be recalculated, thus saving much time.

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#define PRIMES16 6542 // The number of 16-bit primes
#define MAX_SFK 9 /* max. distinct primes in the SF of n. The smallest
    number with more than 9 distinct primes is the product of the 10 smallest
    primes (= 6,469,693,230), which is substantially more than the largest
    integer expressible as an unsigned long. Hence, 9 distinct primes are
    more than ample.
*/
typedef unsigned long u_long;
typedef unsigned int u_int;
typedef enum {false, true} boolean;
struct SF_struct {
                            // no. of distinct primes
  int
        sfk;
                            // the distinct primes
  u_long sfp[MAX_SFK];
  int
         sfa[MAX SFK];
                           // respective multiplicities
} :
extern u_int prime[PRIMES16+1];
                                  // list of all 16-bit primes
                                  // plus terminating zero.
void make_primes(void); // construct list of all 16-bit primes (prime[]).
                          // Must be called before calls to getSF() or S().
void getSF(u_long n, struct SF_struct *SF); // calc. SF of n and store in SF
u_long S(u_long n); // calc. S(n)
u_long Spa(u_long p, int a); // calc. S(p^a) where p is prime
int f(int x, int p); /* the number of times the prime p appears as a factor
    in the integers from 1 to x inclusive. This function is only called from
    Spa(p, a) when a>p with x=p*(a-2) (refer to item (3) of algorithm outline
    above). Max value of (a) occurs when p is a minimum, n is a maximum and
    (p^a)=n. So, (2^max(a))=max(n)=(2^32)-1. Hence max(a)<32. So, x<60
    when (a) is at its max. Max value of p (and x) occurs when a=p+1 and
    (p^a)=\max(n). So, \max(p)^(\max(p)+1)=(2^32)-1. The upshot is that \max(p)=9 when a=10. Hence, \max(x)=72. This explains why it is safe for
    x, p and the return value of f(x,p) to be passed as ints.
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/* (c).1993.11.13.John.C.McCarthy
    "S(n).c"
    Example Implementation of A Simple Algorithm to Calculate S(n),
    The Smarandache Function:
    This is the code for the module. Refer to "S(n).h" for details.
 */
#include "S(n).h"
u_int prime[PRIMES16+1]; // allocate storage for list of all 16-bit primes
                           // plus terminating zero.
void make_primes(void)
               // ptr to last prime so far of prime list
  u_int *pp;
  u_int *tp; // ptr to current test prime
u_int p; // number being tested for primality
              // point to start of prime list
              // set first prime to 2
  *pp=2;
              // set second prime to 3
// next possible prime. N.B. p is kept odd so that trial
  *++pp=3;
  p=5;
              // division by 2 is unnecessary.
  while(true) { // infinite loop!:
    tp=prime+1;
                    // point to first odd test prime
    // whilst test prime <= /p:
    while(((long) *tp)*(*tp)<=p) {
      if(!(p%*tp)) { // If current test prime divides (is factor of) p:
        p+=2;
                          // try next odd number
                           // done when p overflows:
         if(p<*pp) {
           *++pp=0;
                              // terminate list
          return;
         tp=prime+1;
                         // point to first odd test prime
                       // Else point to next test prime
    // no prime <= √p divides p so p must be prime:
    *++pp=p;
                 // so store it next in the list
    p+=2;
                  // try next odd number
                 // done when p overflows:
    if(p<*pp) {
      *++pp=0;
                     // terminate list
      return;
    }
  }
}
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void getSF(u_long n, struct SF_struct *SF)
{
  u_int *pp;
              // ptr to current prime
  u_long r;
              // 'residue' of n remaining for factoring
  SF->sfk=0; // no. of distinct prime factors discovered
  r=n;
  pp=prime;
             // point to start of prime list
  // whilst current prime <= √r and prime list not exhausted:
  while(((long) *pp)*(*pp)<=r && *pp) {
    if(!(r%*pp)) {
                             // if current prime is a factor of r:
      SF->sfp[SF->sfk]=*pp;
                                // store current prime as next prime of SF
                                // set its multiplicity to 1
      SF->sfa[SF->sfk]=1;
      r/=*pp;
                                // 'divide out' current prime
      while(!(r%*pp)) {
                                // while current prime factors r:
        SF->sfa[SF->sfk]++;
                                   // increment multiplicity
                                   // 'divide out' current prime
        r/=*pp;
      }
      SF->sfk++;
                                // increment count of distinct prime factors
    }
    ++pp;
                             // next prime
  }
  if(n>1) {
                         // If n contains prime > 2^16:
    SF->sfp[SF->sfk]=r;
                           // store it as last prime of SF
    SF->sfa[SF->sfk]=1;
                           // set its multiplicity to 1
                            // increment count of distinct prime factors
    SF->sfk++;
  }
}
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u_long S(u_long n)
{
                         // to store SF of n
  struct SF_struct SF;
                         // index of current term of SF of n
// current guess at S(n)
  int sfi;
  u_long Sn;
                         // S(current term of SF of n) where it might exceed
  u_long x;
                         // current value of Sn.
  if(n==1) return 0;
                         // special case
                         // calc. and store SF of n
  getSF(n, &SF);
  // First guess at S(n) is S(p^a), where p is the largest prime in the SF
  // of n and a is its multiplicity. This pre-empts the calculation of S(p^a)
  // for the remaining terms where, as is likely, p*a for these terms is <=
  // this initial guess (since S(p^a) <= p*a always):</pre>
  sfi=SF.sfk-1;
  Sn=Spa(SF.sfp[sfi],SF.sfa[sfi]);
  while(sfi>0) { // while more term(s):
    sfi--;
                      // next term
    if(SF.sfp[sfi]*SF.sfa[sfi]>Sn) { // if this term may have larger S(p^a):
      x=Spa(SF.sfp[sfi],SF.sfa[sfi]); // calc. it
                                          // if new max., update Sn with it
      if(x>Sn) Sn=x;
    } ,
  }
  return Sn; // That's all folks!
}
u_long Spa(u_long p, int a)
  // Refer to item 3) of the algorithm description in S(n).h.
  int c; // largest multiple of p such that f(p*c, p) \le a (eventually!)
  int z; // f(p*c, p)
         // used to calc. no. of times p appears as factor of c
  int m;
  if(a<=p) return p*a;
  c=a-2;
  z=f(p*c, p);
  while(z>a) {
    // d in items 3.2.3.1) and 3.2.3.3) of algorithm description is implicit
    // here:
    2--;
    m=c--;
    while(!(m%p)) { // while p divides m:
      z--;
      m/=p;
                         // 'divide out' factor of p from m
    }
  if(z<a) return p*(c+1);
  else return p*c;
}
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Time taken to calculate S(n) depends on how easy it is to factor n. Less time is required if n has "small" prime factors. So, in the following table, the values of n shown are the mid-points of ranges  $(n-99 \ \text{thru} \ n+99)$ . Times shown are for calculating S(n) for all integers in each range 10 times over:

n	time (ms)
100	268
200	308
400	345
800	387
1600	432
3200	490
6400	571
12800	661
25600	766
51,200	919
102400	2450
204800	4036
409600	5670
819200 1638400	7977
3276800	10423
6553600	1300 <b>4</b> 16302
13107200	23438
26214400	29642
52428800	37011
104857600	50330
209715200	62363
419430400	77888
838860800	108179
1677721600	158480
3355443200	159111
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"Time to n" is the time taken to calculate S(n) for all  $n \le that shown$ .

"Time add." is the time taken to calculate S(n) for all n > previous n and  $\le that calculate S(n)$  for all n > that shown.

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n	Time to n	Time add.
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